
Another User of S156

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I recently was successful bidder in Jim Mehrer's Sale No. 63. The following Strip (graphically cropped from the cover) shows still another user of the SIW (S156) pattern attributed to the Allied Radio Corporation in Chicago, IL. Supplemental information in Randall's US Catalog also lists use by John Steneck & Sons of New York, and notes that the pattern is also known in Canadian Stamps. Johnson & Thomasson (also) attribute this pattern in Canadian stamps to the Allied Radio Corporation.

As will be readily seen in the illustration, the user here is "none-of-the-above". My cover shows the corner address of Chicago Salvage Stock Store, Chicago, IL. Even if this pattern is currently misinterpreted (it could be MIS), the pattern does not intuitively fit any of these identifications.

Does anyone out there have any information as to why this discrepancy between pattern and known users?

